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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

In today's world, costs keep rising higher and higher. The middle man is the one most hurt by these increases. I always feel like I'm just keeping my head barely above water! Raising these fees for low-volume users who only have the phone for safety and security reasons isn't right. The world has gotten so that we need phones now to feel safe and secure, especially if you're a female. If these fees go up, it will severely impact my feeling of safety as raising costs will effect my budget, which is already tight. The world has already stripped us of a safe feeling on its own....please don't take away our feeling of safety!

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members